CLAIMS:

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- 1. A record carrier (1) comprising an area for storing data, the area comprising a pattern of tracks (3) for storing the data in the form of marks, the record carrier adhering to a pre-defined, standardized condition with respect to a physical parameter, characterized in that the record carrier comprises parameter information, which parameter information is of a higher precision than the precision of the physical parameter mentioned in the pre-defined, standardized condition.
- 2. A record carrier according to claim 1, characterized in that the parameter information is to be used for assisting writing a visible label on the record carrier.
- 3. A record carrier according to claim 1, characterized in that the physical parameter is the track pitch of the record carrier.
- 4. A record carrier according to claim 3, characterized in that the average track
 pitch, according to the pre-defined, standardized condition with respect to the track pitch,
 when expressed in micrometer, is expressed in two decimals, and that the information on the
 track pitch stored on the record carrier, when expressed in micrometer, is indicated in at least
 three decimals.
- 5. A record carrier according to claim 4, characterized in that the record carrier is a DVD-RW disc or a DVD+RW disc, and the average track pitch is 0,74 μ m.
 - 6. A record carrier according to claim 1, characterized in that the physical parameter is the channel bit length.
 - 7. A record carrier according to claim 6, characterized in that the average channel bit length, according to the pre-defined, standardized condition with respect to the channel bit length, when expressed in nanometer, is expressed in one decimal, and that the information

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on the channel bit length stored on the record carrier, when expressed in nanometer, is indicated in at least two decimals.

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- 8. A record carrier according to claim 7, characterized in that the record carrier is a DVD-RW disc or a DVD+RW disc, and the average channel bit length is 133,3 nm.
 - 9. A record carrier according to claim 1, characterized in that the physical parameter is the inner radius of the record carrier.
- 10 10. A record carrier according to claim 9, characterized in that the inner radius, according to the pre-defined, standardized condition with respect to the inner radius, when expressed in millimeter, is expressed in one decimal, and that the information on the inner radius stored on the record carrier, when expressed in millimeter, is indicated in at least two decimals.

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- 11. A record carrier according to claim 10, characterized in that the record carrier is a DVD-RW disc or a DVD+RW disc, and the inner radius is 24.0 mm.
- 12. A record carrier according to claim 1, characterized in that the pattern of substantial parallel tracks exhibits a continuous sinusoidal deviation of the track from the average centerline (6), a so-called wobble (4.2), the parameter information being stored in the wobble.
- 13. A record carrier according to claim 1, characterized in that the pattern of substantial parallel tracks comprises grooves and lands, the grooves being wobbled guidance tracks, the lands being the areas between the grooves, the parameter information being stored in pits embossed on the lands, so-called pre-pits.
- 14. A record carrier according to claim 1, characterized in that the parameter information is stored in a pre-defined data field on the record carrier.
 - 15. A record carrier according to claim 1, characterized in that the record carrier comprises a further area comprising an integrated circuit (7), the parameter information being stored in the integrated circuit.